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FOREWORD

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INTRODUCTION

Nephropathia epidemica (NE), a memeber of the hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrom (HFRS), causes considerable human morbidity in Scandinavia and western USSR. The etiological agent of NE, Puumala virus (PUU), was isolated in 1983 from a bank vole (Clethrionomys glareolus). Recently a nation-wide study of NE was conducted in Sweden, identifying major endemic area of the disease. This study indicated that C. glareolus is the most important vector of PUU virus in Sweden. The basic biology of this species is thus directly related to the probability of disease in humans. C. glareolus is the most abundant small mammal in Sweden and is commonly found from the southern tip of the country northward to near the arctic circle. Although only one subspecies of C. glareolus is recognized throughout the Swedish mainland, a gradient exists in population stablity.

Populations of <u>C. glareolus</u> in the south of Sweden are non-cyclic, whereas those in the north fluctuate on a three- to four-year cycle of abundance. During peak populations, voles may be 1.000 times more abundant than immediately after population crashes. The number of human cases in the endemic area correlates strongly to the fluctuation of <u>C. glareolus</u>.

There is a boundary between the cyclic population in the north and the more or less non-cyclic population in the south. This boundary corresponds to the limes norrlandicus, a bio-geographical line running from 59 N on the west coast of Sweden to 61 N on the eastern shore. This line separates the northern boreal (or taiga) zone from the southern borea-nemoral zone. The limes norrlandicus also appears to demarcate the southern distribution boundary of NE in humans and of PUU virus in voles. Antibody prevalence as well as disease incidence in humans increase to the north of the limes norrlandicus, reaches a peak in a region near the 64 N parallel and then decrease in the far north. Infection-rates in C. glareolus followes the same pattern.

Since C.glareolus is the most important vector of PUU virus the ecology and biology of this vector is therefore the key for in-depth understanding of the epidemiology of the disease. The aim of the present study was to map infection rate in bank voles over time in an well deifined endemic area of Sweden.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Animals

Small rodents in this study were collected between 1979 and 1986 by the National Environment Protection Board at 16 different specified sites in an highly endemic area (Västerbotten (AC) county 64 N, 20 E) of Sweden. This collection has been repeated at exacetly the same locations twice every year during the same weeks in May and September since 1971. At each traping occation 2840 traps have been placed during 3 days (8520 "trap-nights"). Animals were traped in snap-traps, collected twice a day and stored at -20 C until processed in the laboratory.

Species, approximate age (weight), date and location of trapping were available.

Lung tissue from all animals were investigated for presence of PUU virus antibody and antigen. Two punch-necropsies of 2,0 mm (in diameter) were taken through the thoraxx of the animal on each side. The 4 necropsies were grinded in 2 ml of PBS using mortar and pestle.

Immune reagents used in antibody and antigen ELISA.

Antigen was prepared from PUU virus (strain Vindeln 83-223L) infected Vero E-6 cells (CRL 1586; ATCC, Rockville, Md). The preparations of PUU virus antigen, negative control antigen and rabbit immune serum are described elsewhere.

Human immunoglobulin to PUU virus were prepared by ammonium precipitation.

Detection of PUU virus specific IgG antibodies by ELISA.

A sandwich ELISA was employed as follows. Rabbit anti-PUU virus immunoglobulin diluted 1:400 in coating buffer (0,05 M sodium carbonate, pH 9,5 to 9,7) was absorbed to 96 well polystyrene microtiter plates (Cooke M 29 AR Dynatech laboratories) at 37 C for 1 h, followed by virus antigen (diluted 1:4 at 37 C for 1 h), grinded lung specimen (diluted 1:2 in ELISA buffer (phosphatebuffered saline without Mg and Ca and with 0,05% Tween 20 and 0,5% bovine serum albumine) at 37 C for 1 h, and goat anti-mouse IgG conjugated with alkaline phosphatase diluted 1:600 in ELISA buffer at 37 C for 1 h. P-nitrophenol-phosphate (Sigma) diluted in diethanolamine buffer (1 M diethanolamine pH 9.8, 0.5 mM MgCl,) was used as the substrate. Washing between each step was done 6 times in washing buffer (saline with 0.05% Tween 20). The reaction was read after 30 min at room temperature in a spectrophotometer at 405 nm and expressed as optical density (OD). Optimal dilutions of all reagents used in the ELISA were determined by box titrations. All specimens were tested in duplicate with antigen and negative control antigen. The OD was calculated as the average OD with antigen minus the average OD with negative control antigen. To adjust for plate-to-plate and test-to-test variations in the assay, a positive control serum was included on all plates. This control had an OD of 0.700 (in the linear interval of this IgG ELISA). If the positive control serum had an OD between 0.500 and

0.900 the plate was accepted: however, all OD values on that plate were multiplied by factor so as to set the positive control value at 0.700.

Detection of PUU virus specific antigen by ELISA.

The testformat for the antigen are described in detail in a previous publication. In short, human anti PUU Ig was absorbed to the wells. Grinded lung specimen (diluted 1:2 in ELISA buffer) were added, followed by peroxidase labelled human anti PUU and TMB substrate. The reaction were stopped after 5 min by H₂SO₄. The optical density was read at 450 nm at room temperature. To adjust for plate-to-plate and test-to-test variations in the assay the procedure described above for IgG ELISA was used.

RESULTS.

A total of 3525 rodents were tested including 2493 <u>C glareolus</u>, 620 <u>C rufocanus</u>, 367 <u>Microtus agresis</u>, 39 <u>Myop Sch</u> and 5 <u>Apodemus flavicollis</u>. The overall proportion of antigen and antibody positive animal for the 4 most common species are shown in figure 1 and 2 respectively.

Additional analyses of these results are included in the accompanying tables and figures. Results depicted here are still under investigation and will be summarized in subsequent reports.

DISCUSSION

Abundance of small mammal in relation to environmental variables have been investigated by several scientists in Scandinavia. A theory have been put forward saying that the fluctuation of small mammals correlates with a "green-index" propably meaning the clorofyll-mass as well as with the size of the tree-seeds in the area. The peaks would occure when the greenindex is the highest. The investigators claims that they have seen this correllation and that it seems feasable since greenindex and seed-size would correllate with food-supply for the small mammals. The magnitude of the peeks due to this theory depends on both the lengths of the snow-cover since the snow protect small mammals from predators and on soil-temperature. The longer the snowcover and the warmer the soil-temperature the higher the peak that specific year.

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AG AND AB IN DIFFERENT VOLE SPECIES

	CLET GLA	CLET RUF	MICH AGR	MYOP SCH	APOD FLA
TOTAL NUMBER OF SPEC	2493	620	367	39	rc
NUMBER OF AG NEG	2171	598	346	35	S
NUMBER OF AG POS	322	22	2	4	0
NUMBER OF POS AG(%)	12,9	3,5	6,1	10,2	0
NUMBER OF AB NEG	2015	562	349	38	ß
NUMBER OF AB POS	478	58	18	-	0
NUMBER OF POS AB(%)	19,2	9,4	6,4	2,6	0
POS AG/POS AB RATIO	0,674	0,379	1,167	4,000	•

CUTOFF FOR AG: OD=70 CUTOFF FOR AB: OD=180

TABLE 2

AVERAGE WEIGHT AND NUMBERS, PER SEASON AND YEAR CLET GLA

	AVERAGE WEIGHT	NUMBER
	OF SPECIMENS (g)	OF SPECIMENS
F79	157	40
\$80	225	38
F80	172	463
S81	233	81
F81	186	200
S82	235	57
F82	146	96
S83	213	11
F83	153	178
S84	233	129
F84	178	691
\$85	206	23
F85	159	44
98S	224	17
F87	180	131
ALL SPRING CAPTURES	230	356
ALL FALL CAPTURES	174	2.137

S-SPRING F-FALL

TABLE 3

The table shows the total number of specimens, the number of antigen positive specimens, and the number of antibody positive specimens per season and year. The percentage positive antigen and antibody, and the ratio between positive antigen and antibody are given.

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	SPRING CAPT.	1979 FALL CAPT.	SPRING+ FALL	SPRING CAPT.	1980 FALL CAPT.	SPRING+ FALL
TOTAL NUMBER		40		38	463	501
AG NEG AG POS % AG POS		38 2 5.0%		36 2 5.3%	443 20 4.3%	479 22 4.4%
AB NEG AB POS % AB POS		37 3 7.5%		33 5 13%	359 104 22.5%	392 109 21.8%
POS AG/AB RATIO		.667		.400	.192	.202
		1981			1982	
TOTAL NUMBER	81	500	581	57	90	147
AG NEG AG POS % AG POS	71 10 12.3%	406 94 18.8%	477 104 17.9%	49 8 14.0%	74 16 17.8%	128 24 16.3
AB NEG AB POS % AB POS	55 26 32.5	364 136 27.2%	419 162 27.9%	36 21 36.8%	78 12 13.3%	114 33 22.4
POS AG/AB RATIO	.385	.691	.642	.381	1.333	.727
		1983			1984	
TOTAL NUMBER	11	178	189	129	692	821
AG NEG AG POS & AG POS	10 1 9.1%	161 17 9.6%	171 18 9.5%	108 21 16.3%	587 105 15.2%	695 126 15.3%
AB NEG AB POS % AB POS	9 2 18.2%	157 21 11.8%	166 23 13.9%	96 33 25.6%	608 84 12.1%	704 117 14.3%
POS AG/AB RATIO	.500	.810	.782	.636	1.250	1.077

TABLE 3, CONT

	SPRING CAPT.	1985 FALL CAPT.	SPRING+ FALL	SPRING CAPT.	1986 FALL CAPT.	SPRING+ FALL
TOTAL NUMBER	23	44	67	17		
AG NEG AG POS % AG POS	17 6 26.1%	36 8 18.2%	53 14 20.9%	14 3 17.6%		
AB NEG AB POS % AB POS	16 7 30.4%	39 5 11.4%	55 12 17.9%	13 4 23.5%		
POS AG/AB RATIO	.857	1.600	1.167	.750		
		1987				
TOTAL NUMBER		130				
AG NEG AG POS % AG POS		121 9 6.9%				
AB NEG AB POS % AB POS		115 15 11.5%				
POS AG/AB RATIO		.600				

TABLE4

The table shows the total number of specimens, the number of Ag and Ab positive specimens, and the percent positive Ag and Ab per weight class. The table also gives the mean positive OD and the ratio between positive Ag and Ab for each weight class.

WEIGHT	TOT	AG	% AG	MEAN	AB	% AB		RATIO
INTERVAL(g)	NUMB	POS	POS	OD, AG	POS	POS		AG/AB
1-25 26-50 51-75 76-100 101-125 126-150 151-175 176-200 201-225 226-250 251-275 276-300 301-325 326-350 351-375	3 4 12 21 76 349 745 641 264 201 116 40 17 2	0 0 0 1 5 30 75 88 50 37 26 9	0 0 4.8 6.6 8.6 10.1 13.7 18.9 18.4 22.4 22.5 5.9 0	0 0 123 280 371 319 303 300 340 351 402 72 0	1 0 0 2 8 46 95 109 76 72 42 22 4 0	33.3 0 9.5 10.5 13.2 12.8 17.0 28.8 35.8 36.2 55.0 23.5 0	281 0 0 594 549 469 526 659 697 666 828 764 923 0	- .500 .625 .652 .789 .807 .658 .514 .619 .409

TABLE 5

The table shows, for each capture season and year, the number of Ag negative, and the number of Ag positive specimens per area. The total number of Ag negative and positive specimens, as well as the percent positive Ag (of the total number of specimens) are also shown. Note: S=spring and F=fall.

	F7	79	S	30	F	30	S	31	F	81
AREA	NEG	POS	NEG	POS	NEG	POS	NEG	POS	NEG	POS
21J2C	9	0	9	2	53	1	6	1	26	17
21J7C	3	0	4	0	63	2	2	1	44	2
21J2H	0	0	0	0	19	5	1	0	50	11
21J7H	2	0	0	0	9	0	10	0	37	7
22J2C	1	0	1	0	21	0	10	0	14	3
22J7C	0	0	0	0	22	4	7	0	19	6
22J2H	0	0	0	0	29	0	8	3	25	2
22J7H	11	0	4	0	83	5	8	1	52	3
21K2C	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	28	5
21K7C	0	0	0	0	9	0	3	3	20	10
21K2H	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	6
21K7H	0	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	9	7
22K2C	1	ol	1	0	30	0	3	0	12	10
22K7C	ĪĪ	οl	1	0	27	0 1	0	0	18	2
22K2H	l ī l	ŏ	7	0	9	οl	6	0	15	1
22K7H	9	2	9	0	58	3	5	1	18	2

	S82		F	32	S	33	F	83	S	34
AREA	NEG	POS								
21J2C	10	0	18	1	3	0	37	2	19	5
21J7C	1	1	4	2	3	0	28	3	13	4
21J2H	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
21J7H	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22J2C	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	5	1
22J7C	5	0	3	1	0	0	7	1	0	0
22J2H	4	1	3	0	0	0	1	2	4	0
22J7H	12	3	19	9	2	0	36	5	17	6
21K2C	2	0	5	2	0	0	2	0	3	3
21K7C	3	2	2	0	2	0	3	0	7	0
21K2H	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	4	0
21K7H	1	0	2	1	0	1	3	0	11	0
22K2C	0	0	3	0	0	0	7	4	2	0
22K7C	0	0	1 1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0
22K2H	0	0	5	0	0	0	7	0	4	1
22K7H	2	1	2	0	0	0	21	0	17	0

TABLE 5, CONT

	F	84	S	35	F	85	s	36	F	87
AREA	NEG	POS								
21J2C	69	15	1	1	5	1	2	2	0	0
21J7C	46	32	1	0	7	0	2	0	٥	. 0
21J2H	22	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21J7H	28	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22J2C	16	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
22J7C	18	5	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
22J2H	32	1	5	0	3	0	5	0	0	0
22J7H	60	6	3	1	10	5	0	1	0	0
21K2C	42	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
21K7C	40	1 1	0	0	1 1	0	0	0	13	2
21K2H	42	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	23	0
21K7H	50	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	1
22K2C	28	13	1 1	0]	0	0]	0	0	16	0
22K7C	27	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	10	1
22K2H	21	3	0	1	1	1	3	0	9	0
22K7H	44	1	1	1	5	0	1	0	25	5

AREA	TOT	TOT	%POS
	NEG	POS	TOT
21J2C 21J7C 21J2H 21J7H 22J2C 22J7C 22J2H 22J7H 21K2C 21K7C 21K2H 21K7H 22K2C 22K7C 22K7C	267 221 99 95 77 83 119 317 96 103 90 96 104 91 88 217	48 47 26 7 5 18 9 45 11 18 15 18 27 5 7	15.2 17.5 20.8 6.9 6.1 17.8 7.0 12.4 10.3 14.3 15.8 20.6 5.2 7.4 6.9

TABLE 6

The table shows, for each capture season and year, the number of Ab negative and the number of Ab positive specimens per area. The total number of Ab negative and positive specimens, as well as the percent positive Ab (of the total number of specimens) are also shown. Note: S=spring and F=fall.

	F	79	s	30	F	30	S	81	F	81
AREA	NEG	POS								
21J2C	9	0	9	2	47	7	7	0	20	23
21J7C	3	0	3	1 1	44	21	1	2	40	6
21J2H	0	0	0	0	16	8	1	0	44	17
21J7H	2	0	0	0	7	2	9	1	39	5
22J2C	1	0	1	0	19	2	9	1	13	4
22J7C	0	0	0	0	21	5	5	2	13	12
22J2H	0	0	0	0	27	2	4	7	20	7
22J7H	11	0	4	0	65	23	6	3	45	10
21K2C	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	28	5
21K7C	0	0	0	0	6	3	2	4	14	16
21K2H	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0
21K7H	0	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	11	5
22K2C	1	0	1	0	15	15	3	0	10	12
22K7C	1	0	1	0	23	4	0	0	16	4
22K2H	1	0	7	0	5	4	4	2	10	6
22K7H	8	3	7	2	53	8	2	4	16	4

	S	32	F	32	S	33	F	83	S	34
AREA	NEG	POS								
21J2C	5	5	17	2	2	1	29	10	19	5
21J7C	1	1	3	3	3	0	30	1 1	12	5
21J2H	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
21J7H	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22J2C	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	5	1
22J7C	4	1	4	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
22J2H	2	3	2	1	0	0	2	1	4	0
22J7H	11	4	26	2	2	0	33	8	14	9
21K2C	0	2	4	3	0	0	2	0	1	5
21K7C	1	4	1	0	2	0 1	3	0	6	1
21K2H	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
21K7H	1	0	2	1	0	1	3	0	9	2
22K2C	0	0	3	0	0	0	10	1	2	0
22K7C	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1 1	0
22K2H	0	0	5	0	0	0 1	7	0	3	2
22K7H	3	0	2	0	0	0	21	0	17	0

TABLE 6

	F8	34	se		F8		S	36	F87	
AREA	NEG	POS								
21J2C	75	9	1	1	3	3	2	2	0	0
21J7C	62	16	1	0	6	1	2	0	0	0
21J2H	23	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21J7H	28	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22J2C	14	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
22J7C	19	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
22J2H	25	8	4	1	3	0	4	1	0	0
22J7H	59	7	2	2	14	1	0	1	0	0
21K2C	40	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
21K7C	40	1	0	0	1 1	0	0	0	10	5
21K2H	43	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	22	1
21K7H	56	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	2
22K2C	33	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	15	1
22K7C	25	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	10	1
22K2H	20	4	0	1	2	0	3	0	9	0
22K7H	44	1	1	1	5	0	1	0	25	5

AREA	TOT NEG	TOT POS	%POS TOT
21J2C 21J7C 21J2H 21J7H 22J2C 22J7C 22J2H 22J7H 21K2C 21K7C 21K7C 21K2H 22K2C 22K7C 22K7C	245 211 91 93 71 77 97 292 89 87 94 101 94 84 76 205	70 57 34 9 11 24 31 70 18 34 11 13 37 12 19 28	22.2 21.3 27.2 8.8 13.4 23.8 24.2 19.3 16.8 28.1 10.5 11.4 28.2 12.5 20.0 12.0

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The table shows the number of negative specimens, and the number of positive specimena for both Ag and Ab, per area and coordinate. The percentage positive Ag and Ab are also given.

ADEA	l coopn	NEG	AG	l anos	NEC	AB	l anos
AREA	COORD		POS	%POS	NEG	POS	%POS
21J2C	1212 1237	78 8	15 2	16.1	71 10	22	23.7
	3712	73	16	18.0	68	21	23.6
	3737	108	15	12.2	96	27	22.0
21J7C	1212 1237	65 48	14	17.7	63	16	20.3
	3712	50	6 10	11.1	41 47	13 13	24.1 21.7
	3737	50	17	25.4	60	15	20.0
21J2H	1212	13	2	13.3	12	3	20.0
	1237 3712	0 62	0 21	25.3	0 58	0 25	30.1
	3737	24	3	11.1	21	6	22.2
21J7H	1212	29	2	6.5	29	2	6.5
	1237 3712	20 40	2 3 2	13.0	20 38	3 4	13.0 9.5
	3737	6	ō	0	6	Ö	Ó
22J2C	1212	6	0	0	6	0	0
	1237 3712	10 33	1 1	9.1 2.9	7 32	4 2	36.4 5.9
	3737	28	3	9.7	26	5	16.1
22J7C	1212	59	10	14.5	54	15	21.7
	1237 3712	7 17	1 7	12.5 29.2	6 17	2 7	25.0 29.2
	3737	Ō	ó	-	o	ó	-
22J2H	1212	0	0	-	0	0	-
	1237 3712	10 66	2 7	16.7 9.6	9 48	3 25	25.0 34.2
	3737	43	ó	0	40	3	7.0
22J7Н	1212	87	6	6.5	77	16	17.2
	1237	79 91	12	13.2	78	13	14.3
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21K2C	1212	7	2	22.2	6	3	33.3
Ì	1237 3712	29 52	1 1	3.3 11.9	28 47	2 12	6.7 20.3
	3737	8	7 1	11.1	8	1	11.1
21K7C	1212	29	5	14.7	24	10	29.4
ļ	1237	19	1	5.0	19	1	5.0
	3712 3737	13 42	1 11	7.1 20.8	9 35	5 18	35.7 34.0
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	Í		AG		AB				
AREA	COORD	NEG	POS	%POS	NEG	POS	%POS		
21K2H	1212 1237 3712 3737	0 36 25 29	0 5 7 3	12.2 21.9 9.4	0 40 25 29	0 1 7 3	2.4 21.9 9.4		
21K7H	1212	3	0	0	3	0	0		
	1237	30	9	23.1	31	8	20.5		
	3712	17	4	19.0	19	2	9.5		
	3737	46	5	9.8	48	3	5.9		
22K2C	1212	9	1	10.0	8	2	20.0		
	1237	26	7	21.2	21	12	36.4		
	3712	4	0	0	3	1	25.0		
	3737	65	19	22.6	62	22	26.2		
22K7C	1212	9	0	0	9	0	0		
	1237	65	4	5.8	60	9	13.0		
	3712	8	1	11.1	9	2	18.2		
	3737	7	0	0	6	1	14.3		
22K2H	1212 1237 3712 3737	63 0 0 25	7 0 0	10.0 - - 0	58 0 0 18	12 0 0 7	17.1 - - 28.0		
22K7H	1212	66	4	5.7	63	7	10.0		
	1237	82	10	10.9	76	16	17.4		
	3712	0	0	-	0	0	-		
	3737	69	2	2.8	66	5	7.0		

TABLE 8

The table shows the total number of specimens, the number of Ag positive specimens, the number of Ag negative specimens, and the percentage positive Ag per area, for two vole propagation cycles. The first cycle includes the capture seasons fall 79 - fall 82. The second cycle includes the seasons spring 83 - spring 86. The results from capture season fall 87 were not used.

	<u> </u>	CYCI	LE 1		CYCLE 2				
AREA	TOT	NEG	POS	%POS	TOT	NEG	POS	%POS	
21J2C 21J7C 21J2H 21J7H 22J2C 22J7C 22J2H 22J7H 21K2C 21K7C 21K7C 21K2H 21K7H 22K2C	153 129 91 72 53 67 75 210 47 52 25 28 60	131 121 75 65 50 56 69 189 40 37 19 20 50	22 8 16 7 3 11 6 21 7 15 6 8	14.4 6.2 17.6 9.7 5.7 16.4 8.0 10.0 14.9 28.8 24.0 28.6 16.7	163 139 34 30 29 34 53 152 51 54 57 74	136 100 24 30 27 27 50 128 47 53 48 65 38	27 39 10 0 2 7 3 24 4 1 9	16.6 28.1 29.4 0 6.9 20.6 5.7 15.8 7.8 1.9 15.8 12.2	
22K7C 22K2H	50 44	48 43	2 1	4.0 2.3	35 4 2	33 36	2 6	5.7 14.3	
22K7H	112	103	9	8.0	91	89	2	2.2	

TABLE 9

The table shows the total number of specimens, the number of Ab positive specimens, the number of Ab negative specimens, and the percentage positive Ab per area, for two vole propagation cycles. The first cycle includes the capture seasons fall 79 - fall 82. The second cycle includes the seasons spring 83 - spring 86. The results from capture season fall 87 were not used.

	CYC	LE 1			CYC	LE 2	
TOT	NEG	POS	%POS	TOT	NEG	POS	%POS
153	114	39	25.5	162	131	31	19.1
129	95	34	26.4	139	116	23	16.5
91	66	25	27.5	34	25	9	26.5
72	63	9	12.5	30	30	0	0
53	46	7	13.2	29	25	4	13.8
67	47	20	29.9	34	30	4	11.8
75	55	20	26.7	53	42	11	20.8
210	168	42	20.0	152	124	28	18.4
47	37	10	21.3	51	43	8	15.7
51	24	27	52.9	54	52	2	3.7
25	25	0	0	57	47	10	17.5
28	22	6	21.4	74	69		6.8
		27			46		16.4
50	42	8	16.0	35	32	3	8.6
44	32	12	27.3	42	35	7	16.7
112	91	21	18.8	91	89	2	2.2
	153 129 91 72 53 67 75 210 47 51 25 28 60 50 44	TOT NEG 153 114 129 95 91 66 72 63 53 46 67 47 75 55 210 168 47 37 51 24 25 25 28 22 60 33 50 42 44 32	TOT NEG POS 153 114 39 129 95 34 91 66 25 72 63 9 53 46 7 67 47 20 75 55 20 210 168 42 47 37 10 51 24 27 25 25 26 60 33 27 50 42 8 44 32 12	TOT NEG POS %POS 153 114 39 25.5 129 95 34 26.4 91 66 25 27.5 72 63 9 12.5 53 46 7 13.2 67 47 20 29.9 75 55 20 26.7 210 168 42 20.0 47 37 10 21.3 51 24 27 52.9 25 25 0 0 28 22 6 21.4 60 33 27 45.0 50 42 8 16.0 44 32 12 27.3	TOT NEG POS %POS TOT 153 114 39 25.5 162 129 95 34 26.4 139 91 66 25 27.5 34 72 63 9 12.5 30 53 46 7 13.2 29 67 47 20 29.9 34 75 55 20 26.7 53 210 168 42 20.0 152 47 37 10 21.3 51 51 24 27 52.9 54 25 25 0 0 57 28 22 6 21.4 74 60 33 27 45.0 55 50 42 8 16.0 35 44 32 12 27.3 42	TOT NEG POS %POS TOT NEG 153 114 39 25.5 162 131 129 95 34 26.4 139 116 91 66 25 27.5 34 25 72 63 9 12.5 30 30 53 46 7 13.2 29 25 67 47 20 29.9 34 30 75 55 20 26.7 53 42 210 168 42 20.0 152 124 47 37 10 21.3 51 43 51 24 27 52.9 54 52 25 25 0 0 57 47 28 22 6 21.4 74 69 60 33 27 45.0 55 46 50 42	TOT NEG POS %POS TOT NEG POS 153 114 39 25.5 162 131 31 129 95 34 26.4 139 116 23 91 66 25 27.5 34 25 9 72 63 9 12.5 30 30 0 53 46 7 13.2 29 25 4 67 47 20 29.9 34 30 4 75 55 20 26.7 53 42 11 210 168 42 20.0 152 124 28 47 37 10 21.3 51 43 8 51 24 27 52.9 54 52 2 25 25 0 0 57 47 10 28 22 6 21.4 74

TABLE 10

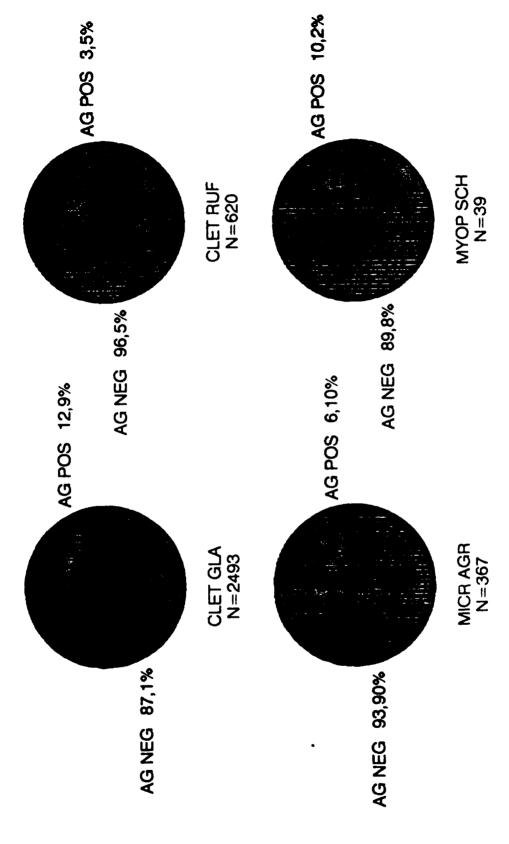
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	[CY	CLE 1		CYCLE 2				
AREA	COORD	TOT	NEG	POS	%POS	TOT	NEG	POS	%POS	
21J2C	1212 1237 3712 3737	45 4 54 50	41 4 40 46	4 0 14 4	8.9 0 25.9 8.0	48 6 35 73	37 4 33 62	11 2 2 11	22.9 33.3 5.7 15.1	
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21J7H	1212 1237 3712 3737	19 16 33 4	17 13 31 4	2 3 2 0	10.5 18.8 6.1 0	12 7 9 2	12 7 9 2	0 0 0	0 0 0	
22J2C	1212 1237 3712 3737	2 7 26 18	2 7 25 16	0 0 1 2	0 0 3.8 11.1	4 4 8 13	4 3 8 12	0 1 0 1	0 25.0 0 7.7	
22J7C	1212 1237 3712 3737	43 7 17 0	35 6 15 0	8 1 2 0	18.6 14.3 11.8	26 1 7 0	24 1 2 0	2 0 5 0	7.7 0 71.4	
22J2H	1212 1237 3712 3737	0 11 37 27	0 9 33 27	0 2 4 0	18.2 10.8	0 1 36 16	0 1 33 16	0 0 3 0	- 0 8.3 0	
22J7H	1212 1237 3712 3737	61 48 61 40	58 44 47 40	3 4 14 0	4.9 8.3 23.0 0	32 43 43 34	29 35 34 30	3 8 9 4	9.4 18.6 20.9 11.8	
21K2C	1212 1237 3712 3737	9 11 27 0	7 10 23 0	2 1 4 0	22.2 9.1 14.8	0 16 27 8	0 16 24 7	0 0 3 1	- 0 11.1 12.5	

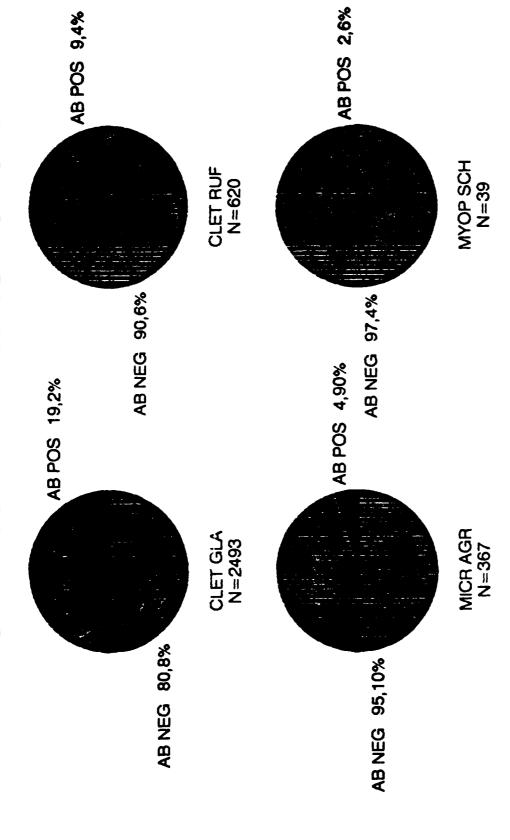
TABLE 10, CONT

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22K2C	1212 1237 3712 3737	4 19 2 35	4 15 2 29	0 4 0 6	0 21.1 0 17.1	2 10 2 41	1 7 2 28	1 3 0 13	50.0 30.0 0 31.7
22K7C	1212 1237 3712 3737	6 32 7 5	6 30 7 5	0000	0 6.3 0	3 31 1 0	3 29 1 0	0 2 0 0	0 6.5 0
22K2H	1212 1237 3712 3737	33 0 0 11	32 0 0 11	1 0 0 0	3.0 - 0	33 0 0 9	27 0 0 9	6 0 0	18.2 - - 0
22K7H	1212 1237 3712 3737	35 47 0 30	35 38 0 30	0 9 0 0	0 19.1 - 0	25 35 0 31	24 34 0 31	1 1 0 0	4.0 2.9 - 0

PCT AG POS IN DIFFERENT VOLE SPECIES



PCT AB POS IN DIFFERENT VOLE SPECIES





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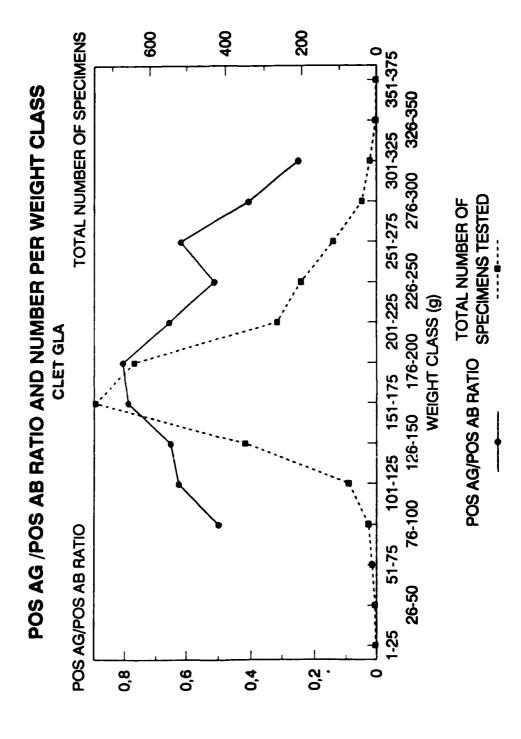


FIGURE 5

NUMBER OF POS AB PER WEIGHT CLASS
CLET GLA

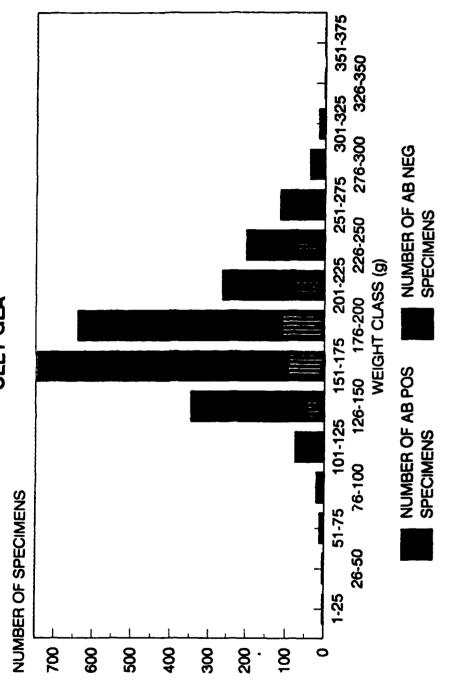


FIGURE 6

NUMBER OF AG POS SPECIMENS PER WEIGHT CLASS

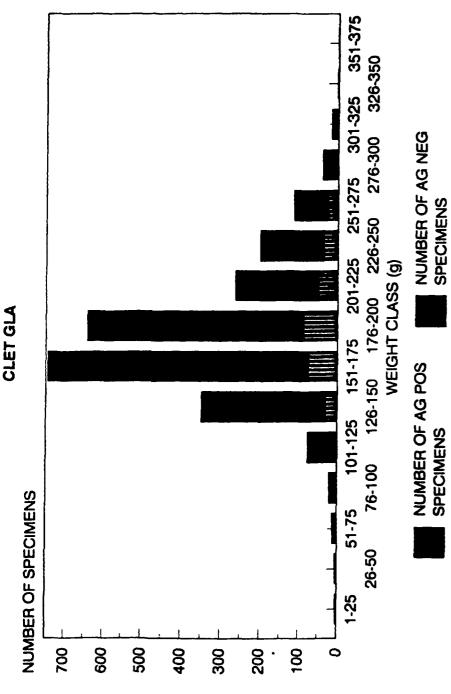
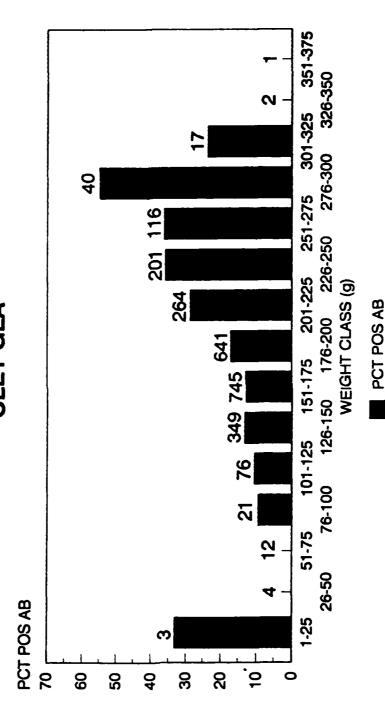


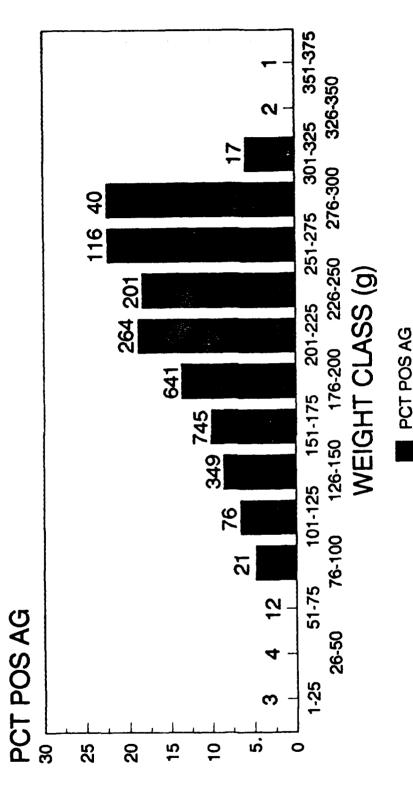
FIGURE 7

PCT POS AB PER WEIGHT CLASS **CLET GLA**



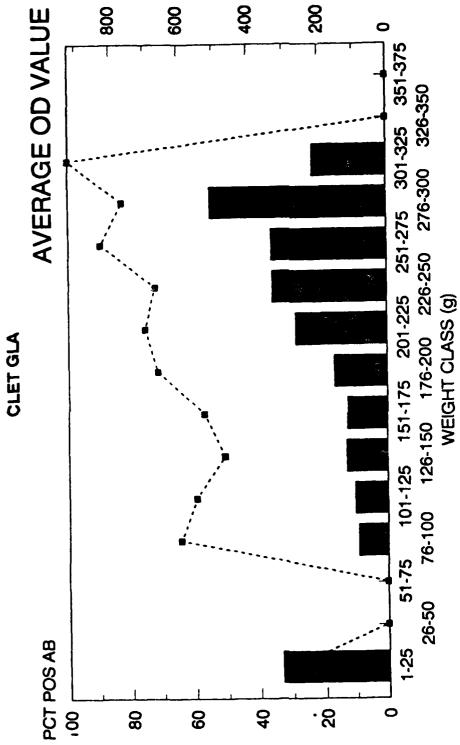
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PCT POS AG PER WEIGHT CLASS **CLET GLA**



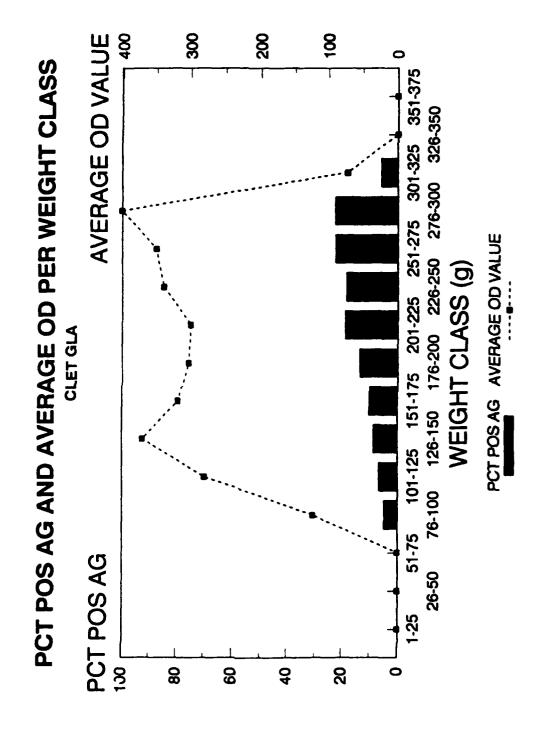
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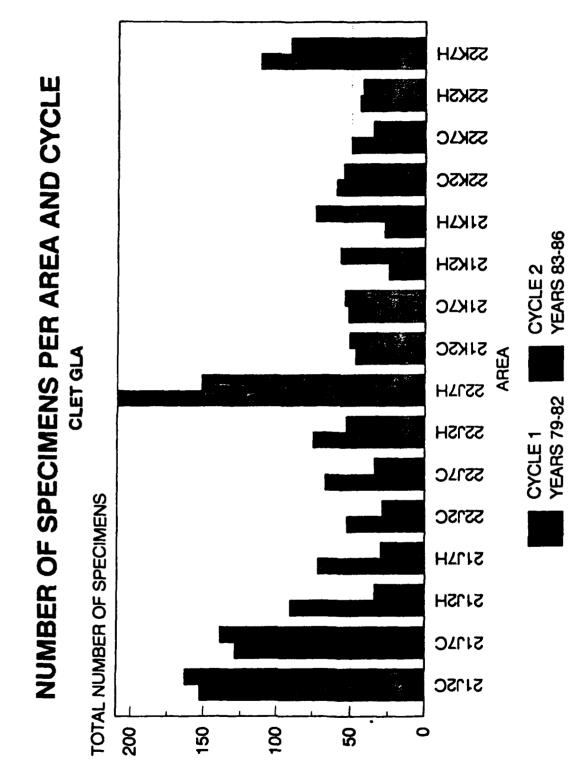
PCT POS AB AND AVERAGE OD PER WEIGHT CLASS



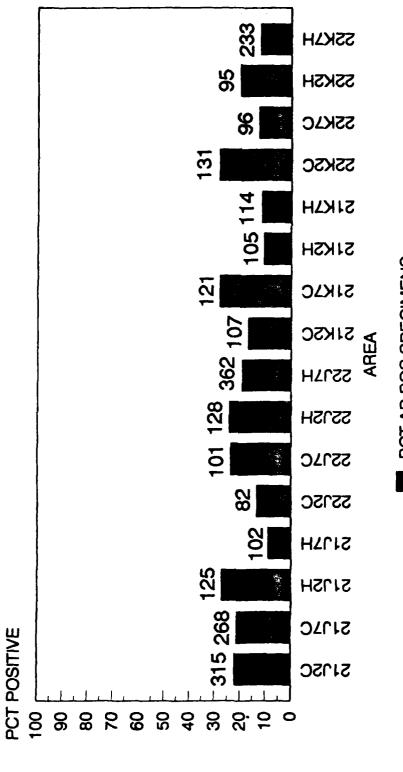
PCT POS AB AVERAGE OD VALUE

FIGURE 10



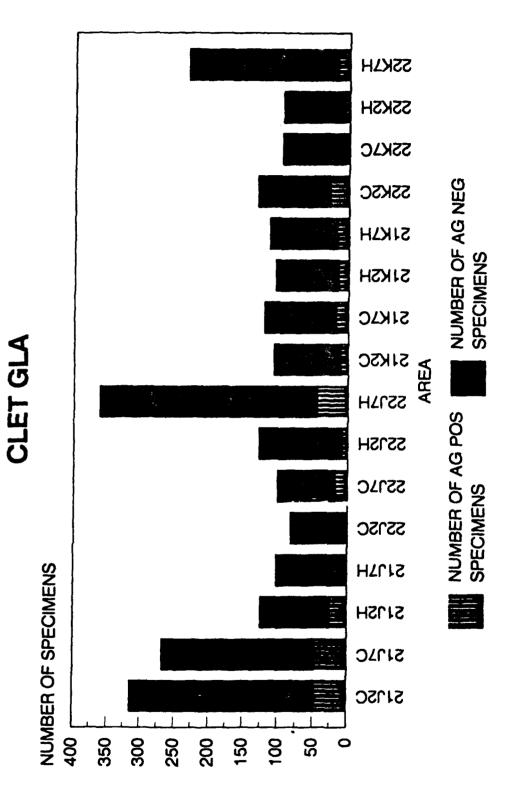


PCT AB POS SPECIMENS PER AREA **CLET GLA**



PCT AB POS SPECIMENS THE NEMBER ABOVE EACH BAR REFERS TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SPECIMENS SCREENED

NUMBER OF AG POS/NEG PER AREA



NUMBER OF AB POS/NEG PER AREA



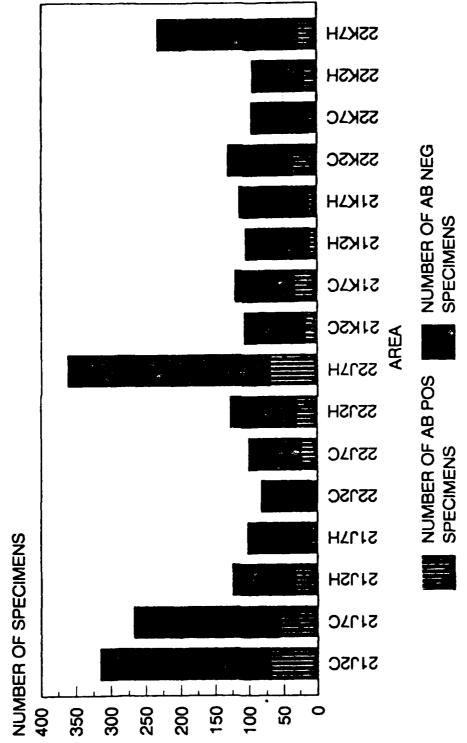
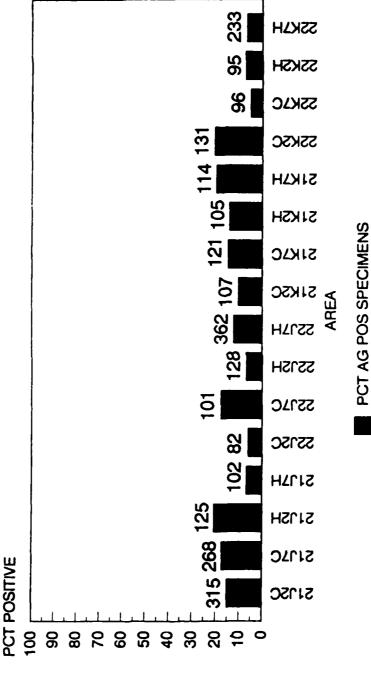


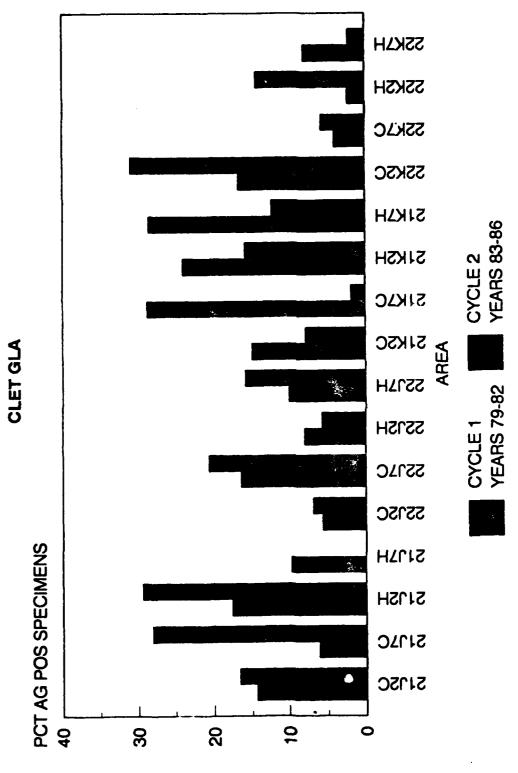
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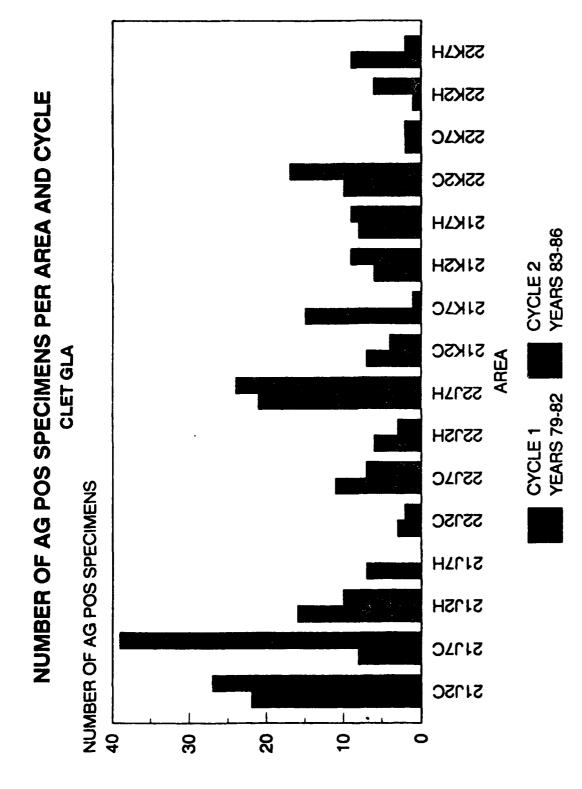
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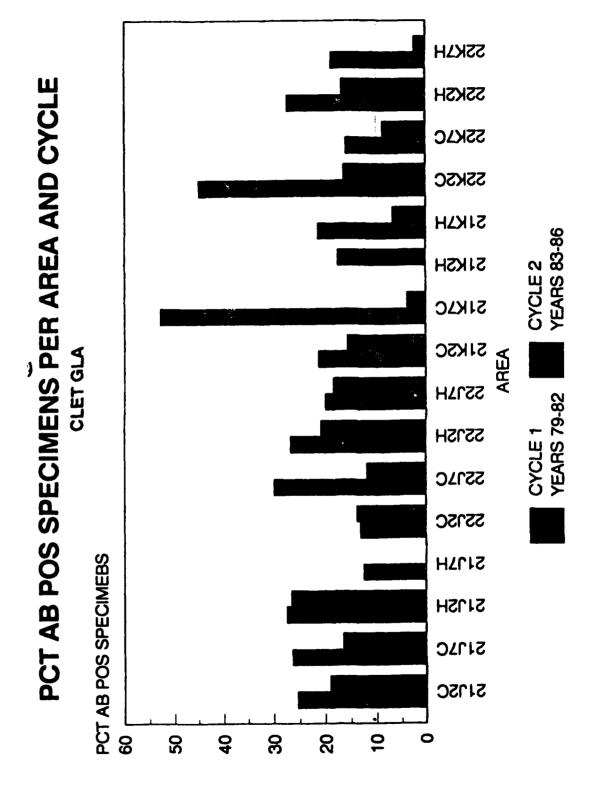


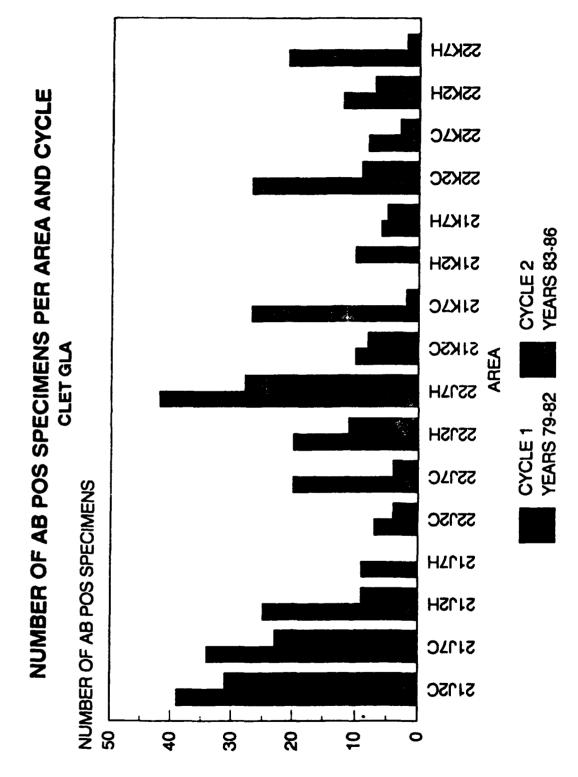
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PCT AG POS SPECIMENS PER AREA AND CYCLE



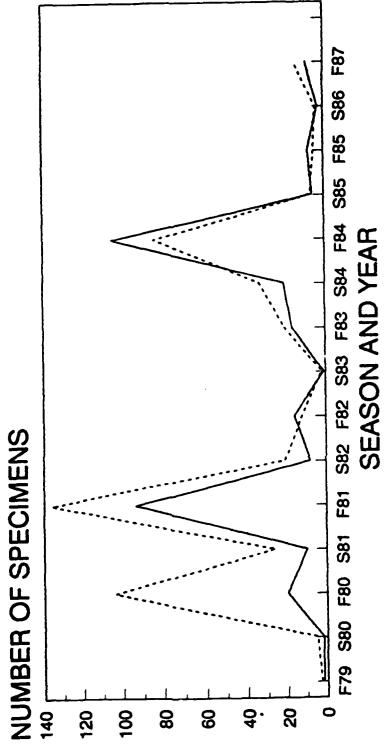






CLET GLA

NO. OF AG AND AB POS SPEC. PER SEASON AND YEAR



S-SPRING F-FALL

AG POS SPECIMENS AB POS SPECIMENS

FIGURE 21

TOTAL NUMBER OF SPECIMENS/PCT POSITIVE SPECIMENS FOR THE DIFFERENT CAPTURE SEASONS

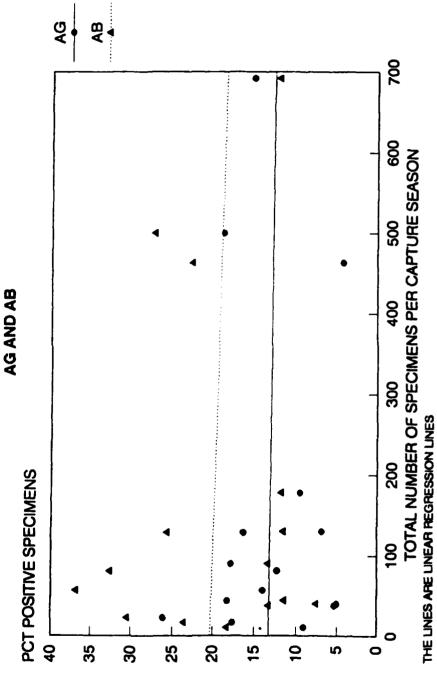
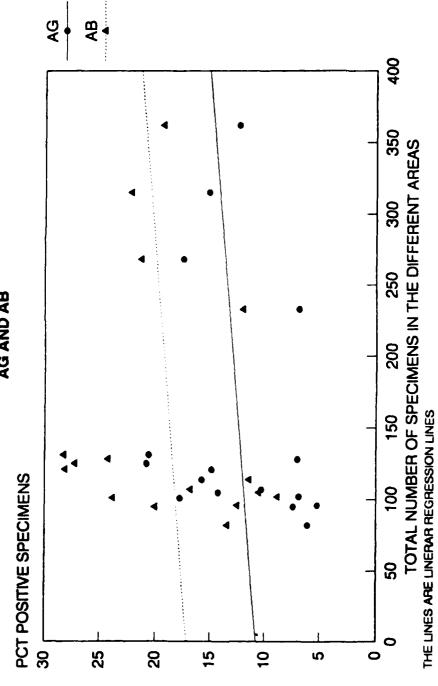


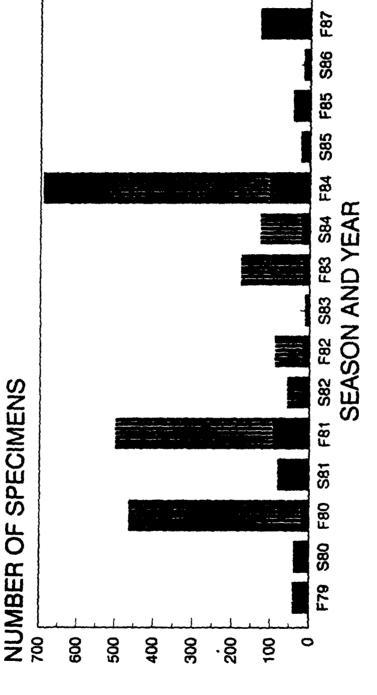
FIGURE 22

TOTAL NUMBER OF SPECIMENS/PCT POSITIVE SPECIMENS FOR THE DIFFERENT AREAS AG AND AB



CLET GLA

NO. OF AG POS/NEG SPECIMENS PER SEASON AND YEAR

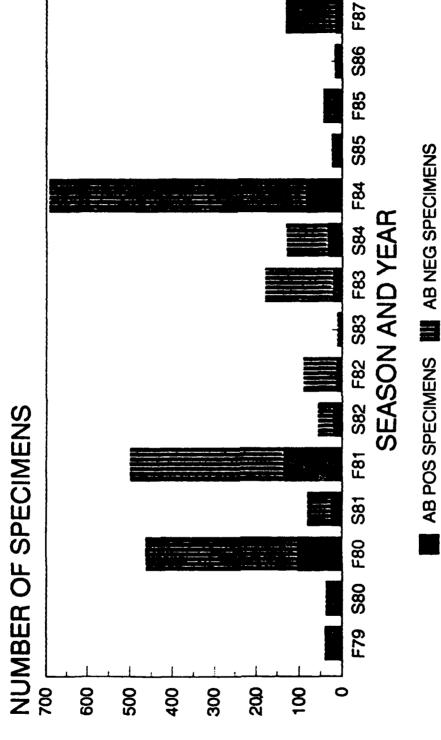


AG POS SPECIMENS AG NEG SPECIMENS

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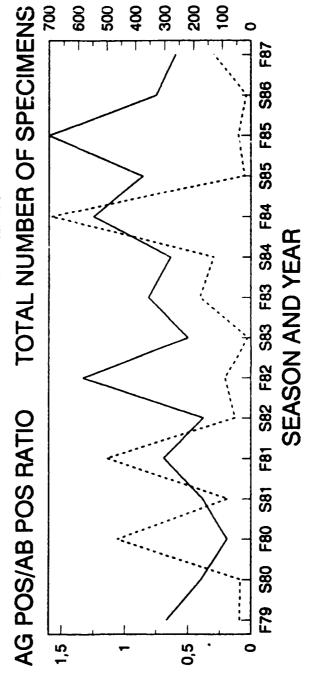
CLET GLA

NO. OF AB POS/NEG SPECIMENS PER SEASON AND YEAR



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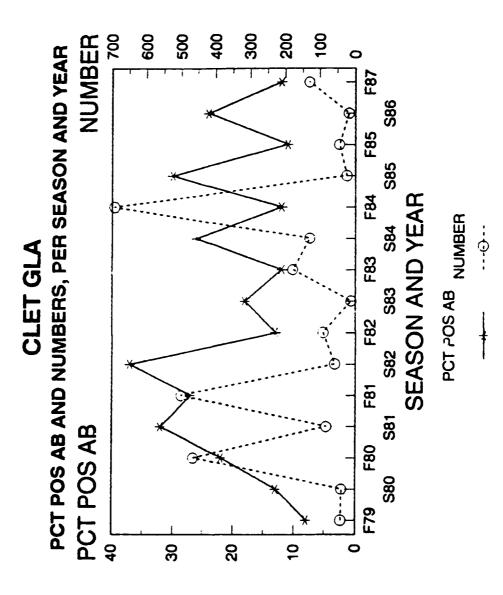
AG POS/AB POS RATIO AND TOTAL NUMBER OF SPEC. **PER SEASON AND YEAR CLET GLA**



AG POS/AB POS TOTAL NUMBER
RATIO OF SPECIMENS

S-SPRING F-FALL

FIGURE 26



FIGUEE 27

PCT AG POS AND NUMBERS, PER SEASON AND YEAR **CLET GLA**

